

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner required an election of species from the following:

1. Species 1, the fluid discharge unit moveable along the support, and
2. Species 2, the discharge unit rotatably coupled to the support.

In response, the applicant elects Species 1 without traverse. Claims 8, 19, 22, and 54 have been withdrawn without prejudice to consideration of these claims upon allowance of a generic claim. The foregoing election is made with the understanding that the Examiner and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are now bound to the finding of non-obviousness between each of the species.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicant requests consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims. Additionally, in the above referenced Office Action the Examiner states that there are currently no generic claims. The applicant traverses this statement because at least claims 20 and 52 are generic claims. Claim 20 recites a solution dispenser having support above the pad and a nozzle moveably coupled to the support. Claim 52 recites passing the planarizing solution through a fluid discharge unit that is moveably carried by a support over the processing pad and concurrently moving the fluid discharge unit relative to the support to discharge the planarizing fluid at different regions across the contact surface. Claims 20 and 52 are not limited to having solution dispensers and/or nozzles that are moveable along the support (as specified in Species 1) and/or rotatably coupled to the support (as specified in Species 2). Accordingly, for at least this reason, claims 20 and 52 are generic to Species 1 and 2.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,
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